

**ARMY MEDICAL EXPENSE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
SYSTEM (MEPRS) NEWS BULLETIN**

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SECTION I: TRISERVICE HAPPENINGS

TRANSMISSIONS - We realize there have been problems with sites not being able to successfully transmit files mainly due to the traffic on DDN; however, we still have several sites out for FY95 and only 50 percent are in through October and November. We are well behind the Air Force and Navy in the timeliness of our data submissions. We all must continue our efforts in getting our data in on time. Remember, the best time to transmit your data is at night to avoid heavy usage times.

As a reminder, transmissions are due 30 days after the end of the reporting month. Below is a listing of the transmissions for FY96. If a MTF is not listed, we have not received any data for FY96. A 'C' (complete) means the data is in for the month and a 'N' (non-complete) means the data has not been received.

STATUS OF FY96 TRANSMISSIONS AS OF 29 JAN 96

MTF		OCT	NOV	DEC
FT BELVOIR	C	C	N	
FT DRUM		C	C	N
FT EUSTIS		C	C	N
DDEAMC		C	C	C
FT HOOD		C	C	N
FT HUACHUCA	C	N	N	
FT IRWIN		C	N	N
FT JACKSON	C	N	N	
FT KNOX		C	N	N
FT LEAVENWORTH		C	C	N
FT LEE		C	C	N
FT MEADE		C	N	N
FT POLK	C	C	N	
FT RILEY		C	C	N
FT SAM HOUSTON		C	C	N
TAMC		C	C	N
FT SILL		C	C	N
GORGAS		C	C	N
JAPAN	C	C	N	
SEOUL	C	C	N	
WEST POINT	C	C	C	

DOD 6010.13-M - We previously mentioned you should have the updated 6010-13 by the end of October. We are also still waiting it's arrival. It is apparently "in the mail".

BORROWED MILITARY MANPOWER (BMM) - Health Affairs has formed a Borrowed Military Manpower Work Group. The purpose is to reach an agreement on whether BMM should be an integral part of Defense Health Program (DHP) resource distribution analysis and, if so, agree upon common definitions and methodologies for collecting and reporting the data. Please ensure you

accurately collect and report borrowed manpower.

SECTION II: ITEMS OF INTEREST

VETERINARY PERFORMANCE FACTORS - Some of you may have noticed in the FY96 Fourth Level Codes the performance factor for MEPRS Codes FFB-FFF changed from millions of pounds to dollar value of sales. The VETCOM is in the process of sending a letter to all the Vet Activities informing them of the change. We will ensure a copy of the letter gets to you.

DEPRECIATION - We are still working with our POC on the High Dollar Depreciation Report. However, once again, we have been caught up in the "red tape". An Engineering Change Proposal (ECP) was submitted requesting a format change due to the threshold changing from \$25,000 to \$50,000. It was submitted several months ago prioritized as "urgent". Unfortunately, so were several other ECPs. There has been recent conversation on the threshold now being \$100,000 and Health Affairs, along with the Services, feel this is too high. The civilian sector's threshold is \$3000-\$5000. Health Affairs has asked the Services to submit their position on what the threshold should be. We will keep you posted. For now, please continue with the guidance in News Bulletin Issue No. 6 in depreciating those items \$25,000 and over until they no longer appear on the report and any new items valued at \$50,000 and over.

RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MED 302 AND MEPRS REPORT - When you submit your monthly reconciliation report, please remember to send two complete copies of the report. Both copies should have the cover memo attached.

TDY ADJUSTMENTS - For those sites where Budget has established one Account Processing Code (APC) for travel costs, adjustment should be made to the appropriate MEPRS Code; how many of you are actually adjusting these TDY dollars? We are not referring to the TDY adjustments performed in UCAPERS (which are only salaries!). If there is only one APC established to track TDY costs, i.e., per diem, travel, rental care, etc., you should be adjusting those costs in AHCFS by obtaining the individual DD Form 1610s (Request and Authorization for TDY Travel of DOD Personnel), determining the purpose of the TDY and debiting the appropriate APCs.

QUALITY CONTROL (QC) - By dialing in to some of the MTFs, we observed a lot of sites are not performing QC, not even monthly. The Quality Control Report, which is different from the Input Summary Report, is created as part of QC, and must be reviewed to identify potential data problems. As part of the process in creating a monthly MEPR, and to ensure data accuracy, it is necessary that you review both of the reports, and make the appropriate adjustments to your data.

SECTION III: UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS PERSONNEL

UTILIZATION SYSTEM (UCAPERS)

CAPITATION BUDGET REPORT - As a reminder, the correct address for mailing the Capitation Budget Report is:

COMMANDER
US ARMY MEDCOM
2050 WORTH ROAD
ATTN: MCRM-PB (YOUR BUDGET ANALYST)
FT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-6000

We are looking into the possibility of transmitting the file via cc:Mail. We will keep you informed.

SECTION IV: ARMY HEALTH CARE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

NEW REPORTS - In a previous newsletter, we mentioned there were two new reports in AHCAMS, the STANFINS Pure Year-to-Date 218 Report and the STANFINS Pure Year-to-Date Salary 218 Report. These reports do not replace the 218 Report. The purpose of these reports is to align the financial data in AHCAMS to the data on the 218 Report and to produce a report in the same format as the 218 Report, which makes balancing easier. To ensure data accuracy, you must continue to balance the data reported on your SHCER/AVK 542 to the 218 Report.

STANFINS TAPES - As a very important reminder, once you have received your financial tapes, DO NOT wait before you try and ACCEPT the tape. This will not detect all potential problems; however, it will let you know whether you can successfully accept the tape and give you an idea of the accuracy of the data. Even though they had received their tapes on time, two sites are having to manually key in two months of financial data because they waited before they even attempted to accept the tape.

MILITARY HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MHCNIS) - For those sites that have MHCNIS, remember to upload the file quarterly and perform the DRG calculations. Also, remember to transmit your monthly data to MHCNIS.